LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1-51. (Cancelled).
- (Currently Amended) A <u>network-based</u> communication system, comprising: <u>at least one server containing a processor for connecting a plurality of processing modules including:</u>

a first processing module embodied in hardware an obtaining means for obtaining a corresponding dynamic address by sending an identifier to a mapping notification system which stores a pair of an identifier and a dynamic address; and

at least one additional processing module embodied in hardware a determination means for determining whether or not a dynamic address stored in the mapping notification system is correct by accessing other communication node to which the dynamic address obtained by the first processing module obtaining means is assigned.

- 53. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the determination means determines whether or not the communication node is a communication node to be communicated, based on the comparison of the identifier sent to the mapping notification system and a reply for the access to the communication node.
- 54. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein when the determining means determines that the address is not correct,
 - (i) said obtaining process and determination process are executed again,
- (ii) an execution of a process to be executed after said determination process is stopped, or
- (iii) a control process for preventing from sending back a reply of said address from the mapping notification system is executed.

- 55. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the reply for the access to the communication node is identifiers assigned with the communication node, additional information, or specific character string including information based on the foregoing.
- 56. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein at least either of the obtaining means and the determining means is provided on the communication node or an <u>additional</u> communication node other than this.
- 57. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein access of the determining means is conducted under different condition for each communication node.
- (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the determining means is provided on a computer or a network connecting equipment.
- (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the obtaining means obtains an address corresponding to the identifier by forward name query asking.
- 60. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the communication node is a communication node where address is assigned dynamically, or a communication node referred to together with an external network
- 61. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the communication node where the address is assigned replies after lapse of time where said change actually occurs after action that the address stored in the mapping notification system changes.

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- 62. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein the address of the mapping notification system is managed using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol).
- 63. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]], wherein if the determining means determines that the address is not correct, it is prevented to send back a reply of said address from the mapping notification system by deleting the address from the mapping notification system.
- 64. (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]] providing given service to a communication node which notifies the identifier to storage exchange network
- (Currently Amended) The communication system of Claim <u>52</u> [[1]],
 wherein the identifier is FQDN (Fully Qualified Domain Name) or information based on it.
- 66. (Previously Presented) A communication node, comprising: an obtaining means for obtaining a corresponding dynamic address by sending an identifier to a mapping notification system which stores a pair of an identifier and a dynamic address; and
- a determination means for determining whether or not a dynamic address stored in the mapping notification system is correct by accessing other communication node to which the dynamic address obtained by the obtaining means is assigned.